AGENDA

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

890th BUSINESS MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION) - - - SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

MEETING TO BE CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED ON THE 6^{TH}

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

FLOOR

APPROVAL OF INITIAL LICENSES

APPROVAL OF INITIAL BUSINESS PERMITS

APPROVAL OF INITIAL BUSINESS PERMITS PREVIOUSLY EXPIRED

APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN BUSINESS PERMITS

(Copies to be sent under separate cover)

Board to review applications for the written examination to be administered by Thomson Prometric.

<u>PENALTIES</u>

CHRISTIAN F. RUPP, IV, LICENSE #8149

1. Check in the amount of \$200.00 received from Mr. Rupp, License #8149, t/a C R Electrical Contracting, as the seventeenth installment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,700.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9 and N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq. Payments started November 14, 2012 and the balance due is \$900.00.

STEVEN BURKE, LICENSE #14127

2. Check in the amount of \$250.00 received from Mr. Burke, License #14127, t/a Burke Electrical Contractors, Inc., as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9 and N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq.

DONALD A GIESE, LICENSE #6196

3. Check in the amount of \$500.00 received from Mr. Giese, License #6196, t/a American Eagle Electric Services, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 for violation of $\underline{N.J.S.A}$. 45:5A-9 and $\underline{N.J.S.A}$. 56:8-1 et seq.

SUSAN C. JOHNSTONBAUGH, LICENSE #13763

4. Money Order in the amount of \$1,000.00 received from Ms. Johnstonbaugh, License #13763, t/a Central Jersey Electrical Systems, LLC, as the first and final payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-15.

REINSTATEMENT

COREY COLEMAN, LICENSE #10961

5. Letter dated August 19, 2014, received from Glenn T. Wertheim, Esq., on behalf of Corey Coleman, requesting reinstatement of his License #10961 which expired on March 31, 2006.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

NEW JERSEY EDUCATION AND SEMINARS, LLC

6. Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar Approval received from Donald Clare, New Jersey Education and Seminars, LLC, requesting approval of new courses.

NEW JERSEY INDEPENDENT ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (NJIEC)

7. Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar Approval received from Eric DeGesero, New Jersey Independent Electrical Contractors Association (NJIEC), requesting approval of new courses.

THE ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

8. Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar Approval received from Dwight C. Price, The Electrical Association of Philadelphia, requesting approval of new courses.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

9. Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar Approval received from Ann Ferry, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs/Rutgers University, requesting approval of a new course.

PENN-DEL-JERSEY CHAPTER NECA

 Application for Continuing Education Course/Seminar Approval received from Thomas McNulty, Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter NECA, requesting approval of a new course.

THE ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

11. Letter dated August 6, 2014, received from Dwight C. Price, Executive Director, The Electrical Association of Philadelphia, stating the course entitled "High Voltage Systems: Equipment and Safety" presented on February 28, 2014 was not presented as an approved New Jersey Continuing Education Course for New Jersey Licensed Electrical Contractors. Mr. Price also states there were 25 participants in the course.

At its March 12, 2014 meeting, the Board requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Price asking him whether or not this course was presented as an approved Continuing Education Course for New Jersey Licensed Electrical Contractors. The Board also wanted to know how many individuals attended the course held on February 28, 2014.

E-HAZARD

12. Letter dated August 6, 2014, received from Rose Boyd, e-Hazard, stating Merck employees are required to take the course entitled "High Voltage Refresher". Ms. Boyd also states that the Board approved course entitled "High Voltage Qualified OSHA 1910.269 Refresher" is substantially the same as the course entitled "High Voltage Refresher" which is why she was requesting that the students be allowed continuing education credit for having taken the High Voltage Refresher course. Ms. Boyd further states Continuing Education certificates have not been provided to attendees.

At its July 9, 2014 meeting, the Board disapproved e-Hazard's request to teach the course entitled "High Voltage Refresher". The Board requested that Ms. Boyd advise whether or not Merck employees were required to take this course; did e-Hazard represent to the individuals taking this course that they would receive credit for the renewal of their electrical contractors license; and did e-Hazard issue Continuing Education Course certificates to the New Jersey Licensed Electrical Contractors who attended this course.

COMMUNICATIONS

BRETT MacPHERSON, UNLICENSED

13. Response received from Brett MacPherson, Unlicensed, Architectural Change, to the Uniform Penalty Letter dated July 9, 2013, offering Mr. MacPherson the opportunity to settle this matter by paying a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5A-9 and restitution to Sharon R. Desmarais in the amount of \$600.00.

SCOPE OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING

14. Letter dated July 17, 2014, received from Eric DeGesero, Executive Director, New Jersey Independent Electrical Contractors, stating the Township of Edison requires licensed electrical contractors, who hold a valid business permit, to register with the municipality as a commercial contractor in order to obtain a permit to pour a concrete pad which will support a generator at a commercial building.

Mr. DeGesero also states that the Board of Master Plumbers has adopted N.J.A.C. 13:31-1.4(i) to include construction work within the scope of work of the plumbing license. Mr. DeGesero further states that the Board of Examiners of HVACR Contractors responded to a comment and ruled that the pouring of a pad was indeed within the scope of HVACR contracting work.

Mr. DeGesero asks whether or not the Board believes the pouring of a concrete pad is within the scope of electrical contracting. If so, NJ-IEC believes that the Electrical Board should consider a similar provision.

N.J.S.A. 45:5A-18(n)

15. Letter dated July 24, 2014, received from Eric DeGesero, Executive Director, New Jersey Independent Electrical Contractors, stating his Chapter met with Edward Smith, Director, Division of Codes and Standards, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, concerning N.J.S.A. 45:5A-18(n).

Mr. DeGesero also states his Chapter expressed concerns about individuals who are "house flipping" and taking advantage of the exemption. Mr. DeGesero further states that the Department of Community Affairs understood their concerns but advised they must take the applicant at their word when they sign for the permit under the allowable exemption.

Mr. DeGesero states according to the Uniform Construction Code, the definition of "person" includes limited liability companies.

Mr. DeGesero asks how the Board defines the word "person" in N.J.S.A. 45:5A-18(n). If "person" only refers to an individual, and not an entity, then an electrical permit could not be issued to an entity that owns property.

N.J.S.A. 45:5A-18(n)

16. Copy of a memorandum dated July 31, 2014, addressed to Steve Lee, Acting Director, Division of Consumer Affairs, received from Joseph E. Rossi, Construction and Electrical Official, Township of Washington, stating he has noticed the quality of electrical work performed by "homeowners" since the change in the UCC which allows a "homeowner" to perform their own electrical work. Mr. Rossi also states the Uniform Construction Code does not limit the number of homes the homeowner can own, obtain permits, and perform electrical work.

Mr. Rossi requests that Acting Director Lee ask Commissioner Richard Constable to take action regarding this matter and allow homeowners to perform their own electrical work in specific areas and not state wide.

N.J.A.C. 13:31A-1.10

17. Board to review draft of $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$ 13:31A-1.10 Qualifications for Licensure for applicants licensed in other states.

N.J.A.C. 13:31A-2.4 AND 3.9

18. Board to review the proposed draft for the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Advisory Committee concerning N.J.A.C. 13:31A-2.4 and 3.9 which proposes rules to provide credit towards licensure for education, training and experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces.

STEVEN WILCOX

19. E-mail dated August 6, 2014, received from Steven Wilcox and e-mail dated August 14, 2014, received from Johnson Chadwick asking whether or not a Telecommunications Wiring Exemption is required for the installation of antennas that are often located on towers, water tanks and other tall structures and are connected to the radio units via communication coax cable, fiber lines and low voltage DC power.

JOHN P. CIOFFI, APPLICANT

20. Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division affirmation of decision in the matter of John P. Cioffi, applicant for electrical contractor's examination. (Copies to be distributed at meeting)

CHRISTOPHER IANNACONE, LICENSE #15791

21. Letter dated August 18, 2014, received from Christopher Iannacone, License #15791, requesting that the Board grant him an extension to take his Continuing Education Courses for the renewal of his License #15791 for the 2012 cycle.

Office files reflect that Mr. Iannacone's License and Business Permit#15791 expired on March 31, 2012.